

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~An image pickup apparatus is provided which can record AV data including image data and sound data recorded by the image pickup apparatus in an external storage device connected to the image pickup device. In response to an instruction of a record start, the image pickup apparatus starts recording AV data, and at the same time starts digitally outputting the AV data. In response to an instruction of a record stop, the image pickup apparatus stops recording AV data, and at the same time stops digitally outputting the AV data. An image capture apparatus including an internal recording unit and a communication unit. The internal recording unit starts recording AV data including image and sound data on a recording medium in response to a record start instruction, and stops recording the AV data on the recording medium in response to a record stop instruction. If the image capture apparatus determines that an external storage device is connected to the communication unit, the image capture apparatus starts providing the AV data to the external storage device in response to the record start instruction. If the image capture apparatus determines that the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the AV data on the recording medium and the communication unit is outputting the AV data, the image capture apparatus stops providing the AV data to the external storage device in response to the record stop instruction.~~